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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA**

ALATNA VILLAGE COUNCIL, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

THOMAS HEINLEIN, in his official
capacity as Acting BLM Alaska State
Director, *et al.*,

Defendants,

and

AMBLER METALS, LLC, *et al.*,

Intervenor-Defendants.

Case No. 3:20-cv-00253-SLG

DEFENDANTS' NOTICE REGARDING ORAL ARGUMENT

Alatna Village Council v. Heinlein
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Consistent with Local Civil Rule 7.1(f), Defendants advise the Court and parties that they concur in Section 1 of Plaintiffs' Notice Regarding Oral Argument and Notice of New Information, ECF No. 133, addressing the possibility of oral argument on Defendants' submitted Motion for Voluntary Remand, ECF No. 111.¹ Defendants agree that the Motion may be appropriately resolved on the pleadings, and that various practical challenges will complicate the scheduling and conduct of oral argument. As indicated in the contemporaneous filings in the related case Northern Alaska Environmental Center v. Haaland, Case No. 3:21-cv-00187, if the Court determines that argument will be helpful in resolving the Motion, Defendants join in Plaintiffs' request that the Court not schedule any argument prior to May 13, 2022.

Respectfully submitted this 11th day of April 2022.

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¹ Defendants agree that Local Civil Rule 7.1(f) would appear to allow for filing of a notice addressing oral argument that is filed within five days of the last filing pertaining to a motion. Defendants do not concur in, or consent to, Section 2 of Plaintiffs' notice, which purports to introduce new information on the motion outside of Plaintiffs' allotted response.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on April 11, 2022, a copy of the foregoing was served by electronic means on all counsel of record by the Court's CM/ECF system.

/s/ Paul A. Turcke
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